



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**Northern District of Illinois**  
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**Chicago, Illinois 60604**

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**Attention:**

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RE: Smietana et al v. Stephens et al  
USDC Case Number: 1:24-cv-08617

Dear Counselor:

The records of this office indicate that on 09/18/2024 a notice of removal pursuant to 28 USC 1441 et seq. was filed with this court in connection with the above referenced matter. The notice lists the circuit court case number as 2024L003661. The documents filed with the notice of removal list you as counsel for the plaintiff.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Local Rules of this Court require that an appearance form be filed by an attorney who intends to represent a party in any proceeding before this Court. For your convenience, a copy of this form is located on the District Court website at <http://www.ilnd.uscourts.gov/OnlineForms.aspx>.

Sincerely,  
Thomas G. Bruton, Clerk

By: /s/ E. Calasanz  
Deputy Clerk